

group of students who organized protests in Columbia during the civil rights movement of the early 1960s. During that time he became a cohort of Reverend I. DeQuincey Newman, who was the charismatic leader of the South Carolina NAACP. Milton was a fixture in the civil rights movement, but he preferred to remain behind the scenes.

Yet he was thrust into the spotlight when he was arrested along with four other Benedict College students in 1960 during a sit-in at the Taylor Street Pharmacy. They were accused of breaching the peace, but the U.S. Supreme Court later overturned the charge.

Milton went on to serve as a field representative for former U.S. Senator Ernest "Fritz" Hollings of South Carolina. His organizing skills served him well in this capacity. He then took on a position with the South Carolina Department of Social Services from which he ultimately retired.

He was always very politically active, helping in my campaigns for Secretary of State and for Congress. He also served as the poll manager for the Keels precinct in the Dentsville area of Columbia for 20 years.

Milton was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and was married to his high school sweetheart, Doris Glymph Greene, for 47 years. They had two daughters, Col. Kimberly Greene (U.S. Air Force) of San Antonio, TX, and Professor Wendy Greene of Birmingham AL; and a son, Milton Bernard Franklin Greene of Charleston, SC. And they were also the proud grandparents of four grandchildren, Julian and Morgan Parker; Lauren-Taylor and Joelle Greene.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in celebrating the life of Milton Greene. This extraordinary man was an unsung hero of his generation, who didn't seek recognition but always sought justice. He was a big man, with a big personality, and he will leave a big hole in the hearts of all who knew him.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES L.  
"JIMMY" WEBB

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 16, 2012*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great American cotton farmer, U.S. agricultural advocate, businessman, administrator, and dedicated community leader from the great State of Georgia, James L. "Jimmy" Webb. Earlier this month, Mr. Webb was elected to serve as President of the Cotton Council International, CCI. CCI is the National Cotton Council's, NCC, export promotions arm and manages programs in more than 50 countries under the prestigious COTTON USA trademark.

Mr. Webb was elected to his new position at CCI's recent board meeting which took place in Fort Worth, Texas during the NCC's 74th Annual Meeting. Previously, Mr. Webb served as CCI's first vice president and he succeeds John D. Mitchell as CCI's newly elected President.

Mr. Webb hails from Leary, Georgia and he began farming with his uncle, Bob McLendon, back in 1980 and he made his first crop in 1986. After graduating from the University of

Georgia with a B.S. in Agriculture, Mr. Webb continued to work alongside his uncle until 1994, when he decided to venture out on his own.

Over the last several years, Mr. Webb has played a positively pivotal and instrumental role in advocating for sound agricultural policies that have benefited many of our nation's farmers on regional, national and global platforms. He currently serves as Delegate on the National Cotton Council; Treasurer of the Flint River Water Planning and Policy Center; Director of the Edison Gin Co-op Inc.; Director of the Cotton Council International; President of American Peanut Marketing; and Director of the Southern Cotton Growers.

Due in large part to his successful farming career and his unyielding advocacy on behalf of America's farmers, Mr. Webb has been recognized repeatedly for his agricultural achievements. In 1998, he was selected to participate in the National Cotton Council's prestigious leadership program. A few years later, in 2005, he was selected as the Lancaster Georgia Farmer of the Year at the Sunbelt Agriculture Expo Farm Show in Moultrie, Georgia. Additionally, in 2009, he was named Georgia's Outstanding Young Peanut Farmer of the Year.

Mr. Webb has achieved numerous successes in his life, but none of this would have been possible without the support of his loving wife of more than twenty-five years, Anjie Webb. Mr. and Mrs. Webb are the proud parents of three children—Parker, Devin and Haris.

On a personal note, Mr. Webb has served as an advisor and friend to me for many years and he has frequently given me wise counsel and sound advice.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to Mr. James L. "Jimmy" Webb for his outstanding contributions to America's agricultural industry and his principled advocacy on behalf of our nation's farmers.

RECOGNIZING THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN

**HON. JERRY McNERNEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 16, 2012*

Mr. McNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I today rise to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the City of Dublin on the occasion of its Thirtieth Anniversary.

Although Dublin is celebrating its official Thirtieth Anniversary, it can trace its roots back to 1772 when Spanish explorers first journeyed through the region. Dublin continues to preserve and embrace its history and cultural heritage by restoring parks and museums, hosting annual parades, and promoting sustainable methods to build lasting and vital community centers. I have enjoyed my frequent visits to Dublin, including attending several of the city's well-known St. Patrick's Day parades.

The exemplary work and values of Dublin are gaining notice. Even during these tough economic times, Dublin has continued to prosper by attracting new businesses and devel-

oping new enterprises. In addition, Dublin received the honor of being named a 2011 "All-America City" by the highly-regarded National Civic League, NCL. Dublin was given this recognition because of its ingenuity and resourcefulness in finding solutions to some of its immediate challenges as well as its continued work to foster civic engagement among residents.

Dublin serves as a model to the rest of the nation, and I am honored to represent this vibrant community. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Dublin on the occasion of its Thirtieth Anniversary.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 16, 2012*

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, due to a commitment in my district, I had to miss votes on H.R. 3408. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Amendment 12, "aye" on Amendment 11, and "aye" on Amendment 9.

REMEMBERING ORLANDO ZAPATA TAMAYO

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 16, 2012*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, next week, we will commemorate the two-year anniversary of the death of Orlando Zapata Tamayo.

Orlando Zapata Tamayo was a member of the pro-democracy organizations Movimiento Alternativa Republicana and the Consejo Nacional de Resistencia Cívica. He was arrested several times; the last arrest occurred on March 20, 2003 during Cuba's notorious "Black Spring," while he was taking part in a hunger strike at the Jesús Yáñez Pelletier Foundation in Havana, to demand the release of Dr. Oscar Biscet and other political prisoners.

Amnesty International began calling for Orlando Zapata Tamayo's release shortly after his arrest and referred to him as a prisoner of conscience who should be released immediately. He spent more than a year in prison before he was actually tried and sentenced in May of 2004. Although he was originally sentenced to three years in prison for "disrespect," "public disorder," and "resistance," the length of his sentence was extended several times so that he was serving a thirty-six year sentence at the time of his death. During his many years in prison, he suffered beatings, humiliation, and long periods of solitary confinement. According to Amnesty International, on October 20, 2003, he was dragged on the floor of Combinado del Este Prison by his jailers after requesting medical attention. The abuse left his back full of lacerations.

Orlando Zapata Tamayo began a hunger strike on December 3, 2009 to protest abhorrent prison conditions and the arbitrary extensions of his sentences. His hunger strike lasted more than 80 days. During that time, he was deprived of water and ultimately developed pneumonia after being kept naked underneath an air conditioner. He died at the

hands of the Castro regime on February 23, 2010.

Reina Luisa Tamayo, Orlando Zapata Tamayo's mother, declared that the regime murdered her son and loudly condemned the atrocity. As a consequence, Castro's thugs punished her with harassment, barbaric acts of repression, and beatings by hateful mobs in the days and weeks following her son's murder.

Sadly, the two years since Orlando Zapata Tamayo's death have been years of increased repression and more murders by the Castro regime. The number of political arrests doubled between 2010 and 2011. Furthermore, since Orlando Zapata Tamayo's death, the Cuban regime has murdered three other brave prisoners of conscience—Juan Wilfredo Soto Garcia (d. May 8, 2011), Laura Pollan, inspirational leader of the Ladies in White (d. October 14, 2011), and Wilman Willar Mendoza (d. January 19, 2012). They are all heroes, and their deaths were all immeasurable losses.

While we continue to mourn the loss of Orlando Zapata Tamayo, and the senseless deaths of so many other brave activists, his spirit and mission have strengthened Cuba's courageous pro-democracy movement. Immediately following his death, other political prisoners picked up his cause and began hunger strikes of their own. Another great pro-democracy activist, Jorge Luis Garcia Perez ("Antunez"), renamed his pro-democracy organization the "Orlando Zapata Tamayo National Front for Civic Resistance and Civil Disobedience," which continues to organize protests and oppose the Castro dictatorship. On June 30, 2011 in Vilnius, Lithuania, the Parliamentary Forum of the Community of Democracies unanimously passed a resolution honoring that organization and acknowledging its importance to the pro-democracy movement in Cuba.

I remain outraged that the regime in Cuba robbed the world of such a remarkable and courageous leader. But, in many ways, Orlando Zapata Tamayo lives. Within the pro-democracy movement that still honors him, and among the courageous activists that were emboldened by his sacrifice, Orlando Zapata Tamayo has become a symbol of perseverance in the face of crushing totalitarianism. His life will forever be a blessing to Cuba's brave pro-democracy movement, and his memory will outlast the horrors of the dying Castro regime. When the Cuban dictatorship is finally relegated to the ash heap of history, Orlando Zapata Tamayo will be remembered as a hero who helped to lead Cuba into freedom.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE BANKRUPTCY EQUITY ACT

#### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 16, 2012*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, when nearly one in four homeowners owe more on their mortgage than their home is worth, I am pleased to introduce the Bankruptcy Equity Act. "Underwater" mortgages are a tremendous source of financial stress for families. While some are able to continue making their payments, others are so overwhelmed by debt

that they lose their home to foreclosure, to a "short sale," or by simply walking away. Bankruptcy should offer a legal means to escape from debt and get a second chance, but ordinary homeowners are denied this opportunity with their mortgages.

Current bankruptcy law prohibits modifying mortgages for people who live in their homes but allows modification for vacation homes or investment properties. For instance, if a speculator whose investment property lost half of its value files for bankruptcy, a judge can modify the loan, including reducing the balance to its fair market value and lowering the interest rates.

The Bankruptcy Equity Act allows a bankruptcy judge to modify a homeowner's mortgage, bringing fairness to ordinary people who cannot afford payments on the inflated value of their homes, but can make payments if their mortgages were fairly valued. It helps keep families in their homes and prevents the foreclosures that are driving down home prices and creating vacant properties that can devastate communities. It will also help prevent the buildup of another housing bubble by encouraging financial institutions to take greater care to ensure they are lending to only responsible borrowers. The securitization of questionable mortgages would not have been possible if homeowners were treated as businesses.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to protect America's homeowners.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. TOM GRAVES

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 16, 2012*

Mr. GRAVES of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote No. 61, the Bishop Amendment to H.R. 3408, I inadvertently voted "aye," when in fact I intended to vote "no."

#### IN HONOR OF THE NEW YORK GIANTS SUPER BOWL XLVI VICTORY

#### HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 16, 2012*

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the New York Giants—the champions of Super Bowl XLVI. I ask that this poem, penned in their honor by Mr. Albert Caswell, be placed into the RECORD.

"THE G FORCES"

In nature there are such forces . . .

As in this sport is!

That which are so hard to withstand!

For in the NFL, there are such Giants who dwell!

Whose strength, size, power, and speed over all others exceed!

The G-Men, of whom I speak have Gotham Hearts you must heed!

As it's all here where a team bonds as one to succeed!

Learning to rely on each other as brothers in arms, their creed!

With such sacrifice and blood, sweat, and tears, all at speed!

As week by week and all throughout the year so grows this seed!

And some will give up their health in future years indeed!

As all in their most Gotham hearts so beats! A dream to be the best in the NFL . . . the Dream!

To be the Super Bowl Champions of the World!

The one that every player has unfurled!

Perhaps even greater than being in the Hall of Fame

For above all else, this championship means team!

And now this moment of truth has come, sixty minutes and it's done!

To make that dream come true, or so succumb!

And on this night, the G-Men stood strong and defiant!

To become the world champions, they are The New York Giants.

In the battle of two strong guns, two of the Hall's future sons,

As Eli was coming and Brady was hoping for another one . . .

Would E lie down or would Brady's dreams come undone?

The Patriots were favored, but of this the Giants would have none!

Because, G-Forces are so hard to tolerate, my son!

And too much exposure will make your dreams come undone!

All for Myra, the Patriots so wanted this one!

While on the opening drive their defenses came alive.

As one of Weatherford's three great punts put the Pats in a bind!

But, the reversal on the 12 man D left Belichick crying!

Then, Victor put it into Cruz control with a TD flying!

Already nine to zip, it was looking like a G-Man Championship!

Eli was nine for nine,

But, the Pats did the patriotic thing . . . they never gave up, and they never gave in.

As Brady completed ten passes straight, on a 96 yard drive . . .

As Danny Wood used his head on a catch across the line.

At the half, the Pats look like Giant killers, finally this time!

As the Pats got the ball and scored seven on a 79 yard drive,

Even Ochocinco and Brady hooked up, and finally combined.

And then Hernandez was key when he caught a 12 yard TD . . .

While in Bean Town a World Championship was coming to mind!

But little did they know that E would not lie down!

And in that Gotham City you could hear the hearts pound!

But the drive died . . . failed, as time was running out . . .

When, the Pats got the ball back they started to drive . . .

Looking like the Giants may be going down for the count this time!

Would Brady take away the G and the I?

Who would play Batman and Robin this time?

And as the ball came down to Wes Welker on that 20 yard line . . .

Surely he'd make that great catch, as he had made a million times!

Turning the G-Forces into P-forces, and to over them preside!

But he dropped it, as you could feel him and the Patriots' hearts die

As the G-Men got the ball back with 3:46!

It was getting close, as time meant the most, do or die!